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ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus to urgently receive data via a facsimile where the method, which is performed by the facsimile, includes determining whether during communication with a first party, an urgent transmission of data is demanded by a second party; and interrupting communication with the first party and receiving the urgent data from the second party upon determining that the urgent transmission of data is requested from the second party. Therefore, according to the method and apparatus to urgently receive data via facsimile, when an urgent transmission of a message is demanded by a predetermined party in the midst of communication with a different party, it is possible to interrupt the in-progress communication and receive the urgent message. Further, it is possible to urgently receive the message from the predetermined party in an environment designated by the user, such as, during the data transmission and/or receipt to/from the facsimile.